MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : So, the restrictions relate only to anti-Governmental political activities and not to any other kinds of political activities.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Well, teachers are as a rule debarred from taking part in political activities.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : What I am asking is about the scope of the circular—whether it relates to anti-Governmental activities.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is what the *Education Code* says.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) Are not anti-Governmental activities themselves made punishable under the *Penal Code*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They are also punishable under the *Education Code*.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Then what was it that necessitated the issue of the present circular?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is explained in the answer.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : The necessity arose because the Government wanted to prevent the teachers from participating in Congress activities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I take it therefore that this circular aims at that particular thing and nothing more?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The circular is general. It does not say that the teachers should not take part in Congress activities. It says that the attention of the managers is drawn to the *Education Code* and the rules contained therein. That is general.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : So, the rule contained in the *Education Code* does not relate to Congress activities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It will relate to Congress activities also when it is applied.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : The necessity was felt because it was brought to the notice of the Director that some of the teachers were participating in Congress activities and the circular was intended only for the purpose of preventing them from taking part in those activities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The circular at that time was intended for that alone.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : There was no other necessity at that time?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

Clearance of silt from channels fed by the Kodayar Reservoir.

142. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(*a*) whether there is budget allotment for clearing silt deposits in channels which are fed by the Kodayar Reservoir; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that because of the non-clearance of silt deposits, the flow of water in the channels is arrested?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government are not aware of any such case.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether it is a fact that a report was sent to the Government that because of the non-clearance of silt deposits, the flow of water in the channel is arrested?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information about it.

Construction of a cart road leading to the Karipara village.

143. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was at any time a proposal to construct a cart road between the Karipara village and the nearest road to the west of the said village?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware of any such proposal.

Population of the Suchindram and Terur villages and the land tax paid by the villagers thereof.

144. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the population of Suchindram and Terur; and

(*b*) the approximate amount of land tax paid by the villagers of Suchindram and Terur?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The population of Suchindram *cum* Terur is 10,622.

(*b*) The approximate tax paid by the villagers of Suchindram and Terur is Rs. 13,500 and Rs. 25,000, respectively.

Auction sale of shop-sites and collection from hawkers at Oachira during the Kali festival in 1107.

145. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of money realised by the auction sale of shop-sites on the *poramboke* lands at Oachira in connection with the *Kali* festival there in 1107;

(*b*) whether any collections were made this year from hawkers wandering about or squatting there, for sale of their articles, and, if so the amount thereof, and whether any collection was made in the previous year, and, if so, the amount thereof;

(*c*) whether the *poramboke* land round about the Oachira temple is declared a public market under the Markets Regulation and

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